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HEALTH HINTS.

The lack of proper and sufficient water supply in the home is a serious menace to the family health. During the past two weeks, the Department's mail has been largely made up of complaints that the water was frozen and therefore impossible to flush the toilets or to obtain it for other domestic uses.

It is amazing that people will build houses in this climate and not see to it that the water pipes are so installed as to thoroughly protect them against frost. To do this would not doubt involve a little more initial cost, but it would pay big interest on the investment from both the money and health standpoints.

Don't blame the plumber if he can't come at once to thaw out your frozen water pipes. There are so many other people, who through their carelessness, are in the same fix, that the plumber is a mighty busy man when we have an extended spell of zero weather.

While you are protecting your water supply, don't forget to do the things that will protect your family from the dangers of dirty air.

Don't hibernate just because the weather is cold. Get the fresh-air habit.

Fresh air and plenty of it are as necessary for your health in the winter as in the summer. The average home in Chicago is kept too warm and too dry. This means that in such homes the air is dirty and therefore dangerous.

For the week ending December 13th, 171 people in Chicago were killed by pneumonia, which is one of the dirty air diseases. How about the air in your home or work place?

EDWARD E. LEE FOR A LONG TIME CHIEF OF THE UNITED COLORED DEMOCRACY OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Edward E. Lee, who was for more than 12 years chief of the United Colored Democracy, of Greater New York; which was backed up by the leaders of the Tammany Hall, who stood close to Charles F. Murphy, who has always successfully fished after and caught about half of the Colored voters of that city for his party, has been appointed Deputy Sheriff for Manhattan.

MOTTS PEKIN THEATRE.

WRESTLING.

Illa Vincent vs. Karla, the Indian, will come together on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21. This contest is the outcome of the Vincent draw with Buz, the stable mate of Karla. Ever since the match at the Coliseum Karla has been claiming that he would have thrown Vincent, had he been given the opportunity, so manager Leon Motts has arranged with Karla's manager for a finished contest. Karla seems so sure of winning, that he desired that there should be no loser's end. Vincent was then informed, if he would agree to such terms, and in broken English he said, "I don't care," so this should prove the event of the year. Five good preliminaries.

Capt. Robert F. Ratcliff, one of the officers of the Eighth Regiment Illinois National Guards, after a long spell of sickness passed away a few days ago at Hopkinsville, Ky., his remains will be transported to this city, where they will be laid to rest the first of the coming week.

National and Local Theatrical and Stage Notes

Edited by the Stroller or by the Man on the Corner

PEKIN THEATRE.

Monday night offered the Sherman Fashionable Players, in the thrilling military play, "The Battle of Manila." It was well mounted. The characters were well handled by a very capable company of meritorious performers. Added attractions were, Col. Brydon's educated Esquimaux dogs and Madame Jacqueline, mind reader.

The greatest three act military play, "The Battle of Manila," presented the following cast of characters (in the order in which they appear): Gen. Romeo Nerverra, of the Spanish army, Chas. LaBrash; Anita, his niece, Bessie Delmore; Manuel De Lopez, a Spanish nobleman, Edwin James; Blanco Nerverra, the general's son, Ed. Clovis; Evangeline Nerverra, the general's daughter, Beatrice Dare; Patrick O'Hoolihan, an Irish American, who has troubles of his own, Lem DeKalb; Timothy Nerve, a reporter, whose nature resembles his name, Harry Marlin; Lieut. Leslie Standford, United States Navy, the spy, H. B. Lewis; Telegraph operator, Billy Emerson; guards, soldiers, etc.

MONOGRAM.

The Monogram opened with four acts. Goodloe & Goodloe were the holdovers, McCarver & Diggs were seen for the first time in a good sketch. Fannie Wise made her reappearance in a number of pleasing songs. A new team, Harris & Harris, completed the bill.

GRAND.

The Grand opened Monday with five white acts to fair houses.

STAGE NOTES.

The Walker Theatre, at Indianapolis, Ind., went into the receivers hands, leaving many bills unpaid.

The Gaither Theatre, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was closed last week by the city fire department, on account of not having the proper exits. It is said that Mr. Gaither will now build a small family theatre with a seating capacity of 600. He has been offered the Lyceum Theatre, but considers it to large.

Big vaudeville corporation to operate Beck's Palaces. Capital stock of \$5,000,000. Beck-Meyerfeld-Tehr, et al. concerned. New leader's sudden trip west explained. Will Beck stop the "grafting" in vaudeville bookings? New York and Chicago will operate the first of these Palace Theatres, other large cities to follow.

A rumor that is well founded gives us the information that a theatre will be erected on 31st and Indiana, modern in all details, with a seating capacity of over 1,500. Champion Jack Johnson is said to be negotiating to secure a long lease.

Mr. Allie Gillum has arrived at Honolulu, and sends the following: "Dear Stroller:—After a very rough trip, leaving Frisco at 1:30 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 3, on the steamship China. We gave a show on the boat and cleaned up \$86.00, which I considered beat State street. We found the house sold out for our opening week, which will be Monday, Jan. 15. This is a very pretty country and some hot. We go to house-keeping next week. We have rented a swell little bungalow, with coffee growing in our front yard; coconuts, figs and date trees in the back. Everybody the same here, very few white Americans. Thank God, so far everything looks good—no race prejudice—so things ought to pull out all O. K. I wish I could send you some of the weather we have here. Tell little Frank at the Pekin, that he missed the chance of his life by not coming with us. Williams and our wives wishes to be remembered. Hen Wise also sends regards to all the Mott's boys. Please send us the old reliable Broad Ax, as it gives us all show dope that's up-to-date. Answer soon. Address, Allie Gillum, Orpheum Theatre, c/o Wise & Milton Co., Honolulu, Hawaii."

GILMORE & RUSSELL gave a trial performance to a committee of the Western Burlesque Wheel Tuesday night, at the Pekin, and gave such satisfaction that they were immediately engaged to strengthen one of the shows.

The now famous "Era Quartette," which was at the Empire last week, are laying off in the city.

Kelly's Minstrels opened Thursday night at a crowded house at Mt. Pleasant, Miss. This company played the

Pekin last week. Marsh Craig is financially interested, besides doing his act.

Perry Bradford, of the Chicken Trust, cut one of his company, got out on bond, which he then jumped. Now Poll is praying for his return.

The attention of Mr. Irvin C. Miller, President of the Benevolent Order of Goats, has been called to the fact, that a party or parties are making the rounds of white theatres with a subscription list, collecting funds for the purpose of burying James Grundy, using The Goats' letterhead stationary, and claiming to be authorized by the Order. Mr. Miller says this is a fraudulent scheme of the basest sort and that no stone will be left unturned to find the guilty parties and have them prosecuted. Mr. Grundy has been buried some time, and no appeal has ever been made for aid in his behalf by the Goats, or any one else, as he was well taken care of by insurance and other means.

The weather has been at zero in many Southern points, and the show business has in some cases entirely stopped, which has hurt most all the Colored shows.

By letters received by performers now in Chicago, the Alpha Theatre, at Cleveland, is in need of a manager who should know the commercial value of any kind of vaudeville acts.

The Crown Garden Theatre, at Indianapolis, Ind., is feeling the effects of the zero weather, as they can't keep the barn-like structure warm, causing non-attendance. It may close and open in the good old summer time.

The Pumpkin Colored Trio may return home next week.

The Reese Bros. were at the American Theatre last week at Cincinnati on the Sun Time.

ACTS ON THE BIG TIME.

National Theatre, N. Y.—Cook & Stevens. Split-week with the Bijou. Greenpoint, N. Y.—Aida O. Walker. Washington Theatre, N. Y.—Kentucky Trio.

Denver, Colo., Pantagas—Wilson & Cumby.

Newark, N. J., Proctors—Sambo Girls.

Newark, N. J., Court—Black & Jones.

Scranton, Pa.—10 Dark Knights.

CHIPS

Master McKinley Emanuel will be one of the midwinter graduates from the grammar school.

Mrs. H. C. Bomar 4956 Dearborn street, is a great admirer of The Broad Ax, for she says, it is always full of good live news.

Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D., pastor of Walters A. M. E. Zion Church is attending the Bishop's Council at Fayetteville, N. C.

Dr. C. D. Bell, 5037 State street, by sticking close to business, has built up a good practice, since locating on the border line of Hyde Park and the Town of Lake.

Dr. W. W. Bradley, 29 West 51st street, south west corner of Dearborn and 51st street. Phone Oakland 3683, has been kept busy these days in looking after his many patients during the frigid weather.

W. M. Thomas, has completely recovered from his recent spell of sickness and he is again on hand to greet his many friends at his Roumania Buffet and Cafe, 3759 S. State street, N. E. corner of 38th street.

Dr. W. H. Marshall, 3100 State st., who has fast forged to the front in his profession, in the past four or five years; let it be known open and above board, that he is a financial supporter of The Broad Ax.

Mrs. Louise Montgomery, 5436 Dearborn street, has been confined to her home with illness since the first of January, she has been under the care of Dr. M. J. Brown, she is therefore improving and hopes to be able to be out again in several weeks.

Miss Anna Schelman, public stenographer, room 708, Ferninich Building, 184 W. Washington street, Phone, Main 4153, for two months Miss Schelman has been assisting at-

torney Walter M. Farmer, with his law business and being always ever so pleasant and obliging, she is succeeding in making her services valuable to him and at the same time she is building up a nice business for herself.

Major F. A. Denison, Ex-Assistant Corporation Counsel of Chicago, now occupies a fine suite of Law offices on the seventh floor of the new Delaware Building, 36 W. Randolph st., better known as the old Real Estate Board Building.

Albert H. Putney, Dean of the Illinois College of Law, has started his campaign for associate justice of the Municipal court, on the Democratic side of the fence, and his many friends are glad to have the opportunity to support him.

Lawyer B. F. Mosley, is getting his petitions in shape and he will run for county commissioner, on the progressive wing, of the Republican party or ticket and his name will appear on the primary ballot, April 9th along with the other Republican candidates.

Cary B. Lewis, who is the special correspondent from this city to the Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind., on or about February the first expects to start on an extensive tour through the Southern States, and before returning to the north he will visit all the Colored schools and colleges, and the leading towns and cities in that section of the country.

Rev. Robert C. Bedford, of Beloit, Wis., who was for more than 35 years, secretary of the Board of Trustees of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., recently passed away in Los Angeles, Cal., where he was spending the winter. He always looked on the bright side of the Negro problem, and being a steadfast friend to the Afro-American race, his death is a great loss, at this particular time.

Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, 6450 Champlain ave., returned home Thursday morning from a month's singing tour in the east, while absent, she visited Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Richmond, Va., her old home, New York City and other points in that section of the country; next fall she will again return east to fill other singing engagements; she enjoyed her business and pleasure trip very much and met many old friends of her girlhood days.

Mrs. Harry A. Duncan, of 6041 Champlain avenue, read a very interesting and highly appreciated paper on the Faculty of Observation, before the Amanda Smith Guild No. 1, which met at the residence of Mrs. Henry T. Wells, 6459 Evans avenue, Thursday, the 11th. The meeting was one long to be remembered, because the Christmas spirit was in evidence, and Mrs. Wells is an ideal hostess. The Guild has been in existence six years, doing excellent charitable work for the Amanda Smith Orphan Home.

The Bates-Emanuel wedding which will take place the latter part of February, promises to be one of social interest among the younger set. The prominence of the young lady Miss Jessie Bates who is considered one of the most beautiful girls of the young social set and who was one of the Debutantes two years ago, the prominence of the young man Mr. Floyd Emanuel second son of Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Emanuel and who is considered to have exceptional business qualifications, and is industrious, steady and holds the position of assistant manager of his father's large establishment.

WALTERS A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Cor. 38th and Dearborn Sts.

Rev. H. J. Callis, D. D., Pastor.

Services for Sunday will be conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. T. H. Tipton, D. D., subject for 11:00 a. m. "Christian Soldiership." Sunday school at 1:00 p. m., Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Rev. S. W. Weller of South Bend, Ind., will preach at 7:45 p. m., subject: "Let the Lord turn Backward."—S.

China's Antiquity.

The Chinese assert that their empire existed many thousands of years before the flood, but it is thought by most authorities to have begun about 2500 years before the Christian era. By others it is said to have been founded by Fohi, supposed to be Noah, 2360 B. C.

Sink Pearls.

A sea bath is said to restore brilliancy to sick pearls.

Pickled Tea.

The tea grown in Burma is almost entirely made into pickled tea and eaten as a condiment. It therefore does not affect the world's supply of tea for drinking.

A Suggestion.
When the postman to my portal
Comes with darning notes galore
I'm not prone to shout and chortle
On the other hand, I'm sore.
This the painfulst of shocks is
'Twould relieve my mental ills
Should they place on all mail boxes
This injunction:
POST NO BILLS!
—Judge.

Obiter Dicta.
The School of Experience gives no engraved diplomas, but one has little trouble identifying her graduates.
The Successful Man was out and on the job long before Opportunity came a-knocking.
And this same Opportunity, by the way, is oftentimes disguised as Hard Work.
Optimism is a virtue—if it is not allowed to usurp the place of Industry.
Tell me what you eat, and I'll tell you where you work.
The time to take a brace is several days before the day before yesterday.
—Judge.

Musical Rivalry.
Oh, dar's melancholy music when de storm begins to blow!
De cabin is de fiddle, an' de north wind is de bow.
So we keeps de fire a-bazin', an' we lets de chillun shout
An' sings our best to drown dat melancholy music out.
—Washington Star.

Her Peculiarity.
"You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Barnes?"
"Oh, no; everybody has his little peculiarities. Stammering is mine. What is y-yours?"
"Well, really, Mr. Barnes, I am not aware that I have any."
"D-do you stir y-yo-u-r tea with your right hand?"
"Why, yes?"
"Well, that is y-your p-peculiarity; most p-people u-use a t-teaspoon."—Life.

Cause of the Mixup.
Police Justice—Jonas Snooker, you are charged with assault and battery on an inoffensive citizen. What have you to say for yourself?
Prisoner—Your honor, I asked 'im, as civil-like as a man can be, how did he pronounce "McNamara." He told me it was accented on the penult.
"Makin' fun of me, are ye?" I says, an' I chugged him one.—Chicago Tribune.

After Pay Day.
From store to store she hies along,
By jostling undismayed,
She would have liked to miss the throng,
But hubby's just been paid.
When pay days are a month apart
What wife can get an early start?
—Detroit Free Press.

His Occupation Gone.
Cupid was found weeping his eyes out.
"What in the world is the matter?" asked his discoverer, puzzled. "Is somebody's heart too tough?"
"Tough nothing," he sobbed. "The girls are taking my job away from me and doing it better themselves."—Buffalo Express.

No Assistance.
Gritty Pikes—It's a heartless world, pard. Think what a woman does when I asked her to give me something to keep body and soul together! Muddy Laues—Can't imagine.
Gritty Pikes—She gimme a safety pin!—Chicago News.

Tribulation.
Tribulation in de meat trust,
Tribulation all eroun',
I reckon Satan's in it,
Kase it sho' gits over eroun'.
—Atlanta Constitution.

The New Education.
"Fifth grade this year, Tommy?"
"Yes, sir."
"You're in decimals or fractions now, no doubt?"
"No, sir. I'm in crochet work and clay modeling now."—Pittsburgh Post.

Proper Place.
His Friend—There's a tipless hotel down street a little way. Let's go down.
Jaggs—Just the place. These other ones here are tipping something awful!
—Judge.

Appreciated.
A little winter
Now and then
Is relished by
The coal yard men.
—St. Louis Times.

One Danger.
"If those California women run for office do you think they would be guilty of purchasing votes?"
"Not unless they got green trading stamps with them."—Houston Post.

Woman's Logic.
"My dear, these are excellent cigars, but they are awfully strong!"
"Yes, I got the strongest I could find. They won't break so easily in your pocket."—Judge.

Ours.
The minutes that we lose, of course, are quite beyond our powers.
But as to larger measures we consider them as hours.
—Dallas News.

Set Right.
"I regret, madam, that we do not stock 'Blue Danube' soap."
"Can you get it for me?"
"We can obtain it for you, madam."
—Punch.

A Garden Remedy.
"Did the doctor relieve your son's pain?"
"Yes, but he had to give him an epidemic infection."—Baltimore American.

Old Fogysim.
Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight and give us a maiden dressed proper and right. We are so weary of witches and rats. Billie Burke clusters and peach basket hats; wads of jute hair in a horrible pile, stacked on their heads to the height of a mile. Something is wrong with the maidens, we fear. Give us the girls as they used to appear. Give us the girls we once knew of yore, whose curls didn't come from a hairdressing store; maidens who dressed with a sensible view and just as Dame Nature intended them to. Give us a girl with a figure her own and fashioned divinely by nature alone. Feminine style's getting sencer each year. Oh, give us the girls as they used to appear!—Stirling Journal.

The Family Tree.
A brand new family tree adorns
The home of Croesus Pickles
With tales of titled ancestors
His fawning friends he tickles.
To all the world that tree proclaims
Descent from lord and lady.
Betwixt the branches and the ground
Of course it's rather shady.
—Josephine Coan in Smart Set.

Time Wasted.
"I will detain you only a moment, Mr. Heppley. Are you carrying all the life insurance you want?"
"Yes, and more than I can afford, but I'm glad you dropped in. I have just taken the agency for a subscription book entitled 'The Voters' Manual' it contains the platforms of all the existing political parties, brief biographies of all the prominent political leaders, statistics relating to the internal revenue, congressional debates on the tariff question, together with—what's your hurry?"—Chicago Tribune.

His Limit.
"I love you!" he cried, throwing all restraint to the winds. "Do you really and truly love me?" she answered, still unyielding. "I swear I do!" "How much?" "How do I know how much? With all my heart and soul and strength and mind and—" "Wait. Couldn't you love me any more?" "Dearest, if I loved you any more I don't think I could stand it." "Why not?" "I might want to marry you!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Overcoming Nature.
There was a maid in our town
Who did not paint, 'twas said,
Because her soft and dimpled cheeks
Were made by nature red.
But soon this maiden quite petite
Grew wan, her roses fled,
And all because she followed out
The beauty hints she read.
—Judge.

She Was a Hustler.
"Bubbles has bought two new machines—one for himself and one for his wife."
"That's very generous."
"Well, you see, her machine keeps his going."
"How's that?"
"Why, he bought her a sewing machine."—St. Louis Republic.

Aristocratic.
"Son, is your father at home?"
"No. Pa is on trial for combining in restraint of trade."
"Well, is your mother in the house?"
"Nope. Ma is having a hearing today for kleptomania."
"H'm. Evidently you belong to one of the best families."—Chicago Record-Herald.

And Heavily Fined.
The popular song is a popular thing,
Which by popular vogue is attested.
But if you were to talk them instead of to sing
The chances are you'd be arrested.
—Chicago Post.

Used a Match.
Mrs. Bacon—The man was here today, dear, looking for that gas leak.
Mr. Bacon—And did he find it?
"Yes, but they haven't found the man yet!"—Yonkers Statesman.

East and West.
Lapis—What is it makes the west wild?
Lazuli—It is the impression in the east that the west is wild.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Miraculous Lambkin.
"Mary had a little lamb,"
Yet from that carcase small
Have arisen million parodists
Carved most enough for all.
—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Sad Awakening.
Mrs. Knagger—I remember the time when you were just crazy to marry me.
Mr. Knagger—So do I, but I didn't realize it at the time—London Opinion.

Logical.
She—Oh, my husband is in prison for marrying five wives.
He—My dear, how he must be enjoying his liberty!—Variety Life.

Busy Sifters.
When there is sifting to be done
We're busy as can be.
For gossip sifting there's my wife:
For ashes there is me.
—Yonkers Statesman.

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